



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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### **Ward 2 – House Fire – 9900 Block of East Caldera Place**

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Dispatch Time – 2027  
On-Scene Time – 2033  
Code Red Called - 2044  
Under Control - 2106

There were multiple calls to 911 reporting this fire. Neighbors saw smoke and flames coming from the garage and called 911. Neighbors also knocked on the door and alerted the four people inside of the fire. Everyone evacuated prior to arrival of the first units. Firefighters arrived to find the garage fully engulfed in flames, fire in the attic space, and smoke and flames making their way to the living area. An aggressive interior attack was done and the firefighters prevented the inferno from entering the home. Eleven minutes later the roof area above the garage collapsed. The building was unsafe to be in or under, so a Code Red was initiated and emergency radio traffic only tones sounded. All firefighters exited the building and fought the fire from the outside with larger hose lines and more water. No injuries occurred. This family of four will be staying at another location until repairs can be completed.

Red Cross was not needed.

Damage estimate - \$250,000

Cause – “Accidental” – charging batteries on a large remote-controlled airplane with a jump-start device.

Origin – Garage

Safety Message: General household materials and supplies should be stored in well-ventilated areas and in the proper containers. When using electrical or charging-type equipment, follow the manufacturer’s instructions.